

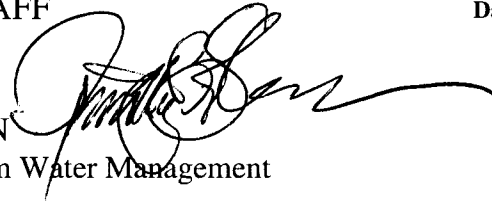
Memorandum

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To: PROJECT DELIVERY STAFF

Date: May 28, 2004

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Subject: Notice of Revision to the Project Planning and Design Guide
Based on the settlement negotiations of the District 7 Lawsuit

On April 7, 2004 a stipulation document was logged with the Court that details the settlement agreement between the Department and the Plaintiffs of the District 7 Lawsuit (NRDC/Santa Monica Baykeepers).

During the negotiations it was agreed that changes would be made to the Project Planning and Design Guide (PPDG). While some of these changes only impact projects that fall within the limits of District 7, other changes have statewide applicability. Attached are these agreed upon changes to the PPDG. They have been reformatted such that they can be inserted directly into the April 2003 printing of the PPDG.

While the changes to the PPDG, that are specified in the stipulation document, have been included in the attachment, other areas of the PPDG affected by the changes (table of contents, text on various pages, checklists, etc.) are still being revised and will be made available, as appropriate, as soon as they are approved. The distribution of some these other changes may occur after the new Statewide Permit/SWMP has been finalized. If you have any questions with the interpretation of any of the revised text, please coordinate directly with your Regional/District Storm Water Coordinator for assistance.

The following are highlights of the changes to the PPDG:

Section 2:

- Additional treatment BMPs are now available for consideration (Media Filters, Multi-Chamber Treatment Trains, Wet Basins, and Gross Solid Removal Devices (GSRDs)). Siting criteria and guidance is still being developed for these new approved treatment BMPs. In the meantime, contact your

Regional/District Storm Water Coordinator for their applicability within your project.

- Decision trees for considering Treatment BMPs have been revised. There are now separate decision trees. One for projects in District 7 (Figure 2-3 (D7)) and one for project elsewhere in the State (Figure 2-3).

Section 4:

- This Section has been revised to focus on the importance of “Considering” treatment BMPs vs. “Exempting” treatment BMPs within a project.
- Some safety projects will not have to consider treatment BMPs. Contact your Regional/District Storm Water coordinator for qualifications.
- Projects not in an Urban MS4 Area may not have to consider treatment BMPs. Contact your Regional/District Storm Water coordinator for qualifications.
- The Disturbed Soil Area requirement has been reduced to 1.2 Hectares (3 Acres).

Appendix B:

- New treatment BMPs have been approved. While siting and design criteria are being developed, contact your Regional/District Storm Water Coordinator for applicability within your project.
- When evaluating for infiltration basins within District 7, use Figure 32 from the “*Infiltration Basin Siting Study, Vol. 1*” (California Department of Transportation, June 2003). Contact the District 7 Storm Water Coordinator for a copy of this figure.

Appendix F:

- Delete Table F-6 in its entirety.

This Office is developing additional guidance that is necessary to implement these changes to the PPDG. This guidance will be sent to all appropriate staff as it finalized.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact your Regional/District Project Design Storm Water Advisory Team (PD SWAT) representative, or Timothy Sobelman, Acting Chief, Office of Storm Water Management – Design, at 916-657-5747 or Calnet 8-453-5747.